THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

Date: 05-03-2007

WRIT PETITION No. 21365 OF 2006

BETWEEN:

Dream World Electronics Computerised Children Video Games, Rep.by its Owner Syed Moinuddin.

…Petitioner

And

The Commissioner of Police,
Twin Cities of Hyderabad and another.

…Respondents

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The petitioner seeks to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents not to interfere with the petitioner's Video Games shop and not to prosecute him on the ground of running the said shop without obtaining any licence.

It is the case of the petitioner that he is running an Electronics Computerised Video Games Shop at Musheerabad, Hyderabad to entertain the children. It is stated that the said Video Games will not attract the provisions of the A.P., Gaming Act and therefore, it is not required to take any licence for running the said shop.

This Court by order dated 2-1-2006 disposed of W.P.No.28162 of 2005 and other similar cases with certain observations and giving certain directions. Following the said order, the present writ petition is also disposed of with the following observations and directions:

1. The petitioner who is running the Video Games Shop is not required to take out any licence under the A.P.Gaming Act;
2. It is not suggested that the licence is required under the provisions of any other Act;

3. The respondent-Police Officers have no power to interfere with the running of centers for playing video games on the electronic equipment on the ground that the petitioner does not possess the licence; and

4. If it is felt that the petitioner has contravened any of the provisions of the A.P., Gambling Act, it is open for the authorities to take action to prosecute the petitioner.

V.ESWARAIAH, J

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Note:
Issue C.C. in (3) days.
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